

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the abstract on page 12 with the following amended abstract:

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

**ABSTRACT**

A base support for supporting a post or other upright in a generally upright position includes an elongated base member having a wider portion intermediate its length containing a mounting hole for receipt of an end portion of the post or other upright. A carrying handle may be provided on a side wall of the base member adjacent one end of the wider intermediate portion.